(b) and (c) The proposed meeting did mot materialise as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh declined to attend.

National Leprosy Eradication Commission

442. SHRI L. NARSINGH NAIK: SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADH-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meeting's held by the National Leprosy Eradication Commission during the last three years and the names of members of the Commission;

(b| the number of meetings held by the National Leprosy Eradication Board during the same period;

(c) the fuaetion of the Board and the names of the members of the Board;

(d) whether it is a fact that th; Board is yet to be reconstituted; and

(e) if so, when it is proposed to be re-constituted and if not the reasons for the delay.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The last meeting of the National Leprosy Eradication Commission was held on 24-12-1985. I

Following are the members of the Commission:—

I. Union Minisler of Health & F W. — Chairman

2 Union Minister of Finance—Member

3. Union Minister of Planning— Member

4. Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers —Member

5. Union Minister of Education— Member

6. Union Minister of Social Welfare— Member

7. Cheif Minister of the State—Member

(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Bihar (c) Orissa (d) Tamil Nadu (e) West Bengal

8. Eminent Leprologists:—

(i) Dr. N. H. Anita

(ii) Dr. B. R. Chatterjee

J (ui) Dr. M. S. Nilakanta Rao

(iv) Dr. Vikas Amte

! (v) Smt. Leela Moolgaokar

(vil Dr. R. N. Theagraj

. - -., (vii) Dr. (Miss) C. M. Vellut

• I (viii) Dr. V. Ekambaram

9. Secretary, Ministry of Health & F.W. — Member Secretary

(b) Four meetings of National Leprosy Eradication Boyrj were held during 1985 .and 1987.

(c) Th; National Leprosy Eradication Cotnmissir.i is an apex body for laying down th; pclicies and guidelines for the implement ation of National Leprosy Era-t'.iccition I'rogramme.

The Naticnal Lsprosy Eradication Board was constituted to serve as the Executive Body responsible for the implementation of the plans ani policies of National Le-pros Eradication Commission.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Doss not arise.

Treatment of Bhopal Gas Victims

443. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Miniser of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE he pleased to state:

(a.) whether the Madhya Pradesh Gov-eminent and the Union Government hav£ issued instructions to the doctors to be compassionate while treating the gas affected patients in Bhopal;

(h) if so. what is the total gas affected pati&nt$_s$ «o far treated by the doctors and what type of treatment has been provided and the special measures befcig considered to help th;';e gas affected patients;

fe) whether any special measures have been provided to the gas victims of Bhopal and to what extent the medicines and ter.itme.it has been provided free of cost; and '

d) whether Centre has also helped the State; Government in treating these patient!;?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to Cd) Information is being collected and will be laid on th; Table of th; Sabha.

Birth Rate Targets

444 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has modified its family welfare programroe for achieving the target of birth n>te; if so, what was the target fixed in this regard; and

(hi) what are the welfare schemes that have been modified and to what extent these plans will be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) *The Natioanl Health* Policy *inter-alia* envisaged achieving a Birth Rate of 21 per thousand popu lation by the *e°d* of 2000 A.D. Accord ing to the Seventh Five Year Plan, a birth rate of 29.1 per thousand population is aimed by the end of the Plan pericd i.e. in 1990. j

The Family Welfare Programme during the 7th Pian hove a well defined strategy. The strategy emphasises on optimal use of infrastructure created: involvement of vo-luntary organisations; improving quality of services, enhrerfinp child survival; stregthening of information, education and ccmmi'nicctionl; promotion *of* temporary contraceptive methods; incentives fcr terminal methods etc. No major change in the strategy is contemplated at present.

MicroFeve] planning for utilisation of' renevabe resources

445. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has recom-mended the launching of an experimental five year programme of application of Science and Technology to Microlevel planning for utilisation of renewable resources for a series of micro-catchments representing the different logical zones of the countiy;

(b) if so, what' are the other main features of the repcrt submitted by the Council; and

(c) tho total amount likely to be involved and to what extent the programme has been examined by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IM THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN .DEVELOPMENT!-, ATOMIC ENERGV, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, SIR

(b) The main features of the report are: |

Council considers good management of our endowment of natural resources of soil, water, vegetation, livestock and gentic diversity as one of the most significant chiallengjes before the nation. Our development *eflorts* have tended to stress intensification of resource use, tne consequences of which have been disastrous; large scale soil erosion, siltation, floods and droughts, water logging and salination, lowering of ground water table, gradual depletion of ferti-tility of fields, extensive deforestation and overgrazing hy cfetttei and goats. Since the problem's are highly location specific it is proposed that these could be solved by a cooperative endeavour •Vivolving scientific and technical experts, development planners, local educational institutions and other organisations such as Y^{uva}k ^{an}d mahila maa-dals and rriandal panchayats

(c) The report has envisaged a budget of Rs. 50 crore for the programme. However, Government ig expected to request the State Science and Technology Councils to formulate the proposals for their respective States in the light of recommendations of the report.

setting up of a task force to promote (he use o) electronics

446. SHRI , SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MTNTSTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact the Department of Electronics ^{r}nas constituted a ten Member task force to promote the use j ol electronics in fh$_{e}$ basic health care of rural masses;

(b) if so, what will be tne main features of the task force; and

(c) whether any concrete programme has been formulated and by what time the same are likeiy to be implemented?

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